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THE CITY HALL QUARTETTE. Hall Quartette. This organization is and short-sighted policy. hearsals are said to be almost perfect. deal for the railroads, which ideal of perfection without that necessary element of all good music-harmony-and few organizations have better harmony than the local quartette-harmony always prevails and discord-who said discord? contented Philadelphia, where That word is not in their musical lex-Hall Quartette. They not only have the singing. control developed to a high degree within themselves, but they are so beautifully controlled that they claim the admirstion of all who know how to

stands on the Big Four Circuit. Bookings may be had on a straight salary basis of four hours-no more, no less.

draw a thousand as it is to draw your admirers have enveloped it.

bit wheezy when he reaches the high crescendo in passing from the two hundred and forty line to the thousand

The prelude to the entertainment opens on a dazzling scene of spectacu-lar beauty, the Salary Grabbers' Chorus all being dressed in gilt tights and trained perfectly to "dance to the mutrained perfectly to "dance to the mu-sic", and sing in unison, "Hail, Hail, o' th' others.—Abe Martin. the Gang's All Here."

Prof. Barnes is hard at work, it is reported, on his very pretty little ditty, the first stanza of which goes something like this:

"Ilke to hear the Hello Call.

It helps a lot in a pinch; Connect me up with the City Hall,

Where Salary Grabbing's a cinch."

Loud and prolonged applause from

Com. Smith, he of the Bull Moose copy. persuasion (but now without a party), refuses to sing anything except baritone, and being thrown in an aquatic that he is required to wear those high topped rubber boots he told the voters Dana letter to "Virginia." about), has consented to hammer off a few bars of that old favorite melody, "Asleep in the Deep," from the top of Log Cabin Hill, the scene of the late

"Unsolved Mystery of the Blowing Up of the Water Works." (And the "dastardly scroundrel" is till at large.) (Groans from the amen corner and calls for Dominick.)

after the following fashion: "In tarveling the streets we all get our

("Ain't it the truth," from the gallery)

I'm aure I miss nose of mine, ("Amen," from the baldheaded row) And while the 'dear peepul' ar e noth-

ing but chumps, ("Pour it to 'em," from stage hands)

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But, gee, their two thousand is fine."
(Office Holders' Trust rises in uniso with loud applause, shouting, "You

fusion for an intermission, as the paving bosses, superintendents, overseers, time keepers, meter inspectors, petition extinguishers, foremen, quarry hands. pick and shovel brigade, recall intimidators and boycotters, cart and team drivers, who voted "right," al march upon the stage.

The performance will be concluded by the mayor, who renders in a loud, sanctimonious voice, the old time favorite, "Praise 'Bud' from whom all bless ings flow."

Bryan who has thrice been elected president by the straw vote will likely become the Dry Democratic candidate in 1916.

#### FIRST SURPLUS.

The "first surplus ever produced by the postal department," over which the administration at Washington does considerable cackling, is \$3,600,-000. The way it happened to be pro-Now that the Christmas festivities duced is by refusing to pay the railare over the next pleasing event will roads fo rearrying the parcel post. be the concert to be given by the City It was an unfair as well as niggardly Congress will sooner or later provide a square American commercial men to discuss No musical organization can reach its have not had in the parcel post business, and the surplus will disappear.

#### "BILLY" SUNDAY.

They are making prodigious prepar ations for Billy Sunday in corrupt and word is not in their musical lexens a several weeks' revival January
And control, why, the control is
act: Walter Damrosch himself nightly to pray for the services. Two ever had better control of his famous great choruses of 1,800 persons each organization than the leader of the City are organized and in training to lead

#### THE BIGGEST CONTRIBUTORS.

Free freight on Belgium's flour will no longer be allowed by the railroads. appreciate a good job of control when It was a generous offer the railroads made to carry flour, not at a specially This organization will be at liberty low rate, but at their own expense entirely. After all, the biggest single legislature to make all the one-night contributor to Belgium's relief has been the American railroads.

The President's luck has turned. The relicarsals, acording to the well No matter what the merit of the conknown dramatic critic, show cvid-ince troversy between Woodrow and his that the performers "are the rankest Senate, it is bound to hurt Woodrow. kind of amateurs," but Mr. Haggerty is It will weaken him as a Presidential getting all kinds of melody out of his candidate, and it will strip his per-late song hit entitled, "It's as easy to son of the sanctity with which his

This little skit is good for several curtain calls. It is true the tax payers in the audience are apt to get a little concern for his safety. "The front,"

### YOU MISSED THIS.

Prof. Alex. Tansey addressed th' high school t'day on "How t' Be Successful Tho' Educated."

Th' Lord helps those who help them-

The West Virginian falling to publish a paper yesterday our readers did not get the opportunity to read the philosophy of "Abe Martin," under his well known likeness, but as we pay Kin Hubbard real money for writing these paragraphs we are going to give yesterday's installment today.

The Buenos Aires Herald is 10c per copy or \$20 per year, still some peo-ple would like to have 5c paple pers which sell for 2c at 1 cent per

The numerous local Democrats who had their stockings hung for the postenvironment (but not to such an extent office job are beginning to have some doubts about the truth of the famous

Fairmont had a "Dry" Christmas, but it seems to have been very suc cessful as well as satisfactory.

### "THE LAST STRAW."

does a little recitation to perfection, out as far as Columbus, O., where a \$12,000,000 browery has just turned its toes to the daisies, giving the West Virginia law as "the last straw." Bring on more straw.

> The Salvation Army has opened ree soup house at Connellsville. Another evidence of returning prosper-

The Fairmont "Hard" Times, the local organ of the New Freedom and defender of the faith, will have to get mines "resumed b ythe first of the busy if it gets all the factories and

### THE FIGURES TELL.

44.7 per cent of the Democrats in House of Representatives voted for the prohibition amendment, while 59.2 per cent of the Republicans voted Which goes to show in which party the dry sentiment predominates.

### Current Comment

THE UNITED STATES AND THE

Prophecies have a peculiar habit of coming fulfilled. This fact has been especially noticeable since the outbreak of the great struggle in Europe. The alarmists, who, thoughtlessly or with sound reason fortheir faith, forecasted the course of events, have now been justiled, and the unexpected has

happened. Conspicuous among the minor prophets is Rear Admiral Kimball of the American Navy League, who, seven months ago stated that the United States had no mercantile marine worthy of the name, and that were Great Britain, Germany, France and Italy to aritain, Germany, France and Italy to Dear Son: Ride it home, we need withdraw their ships from trade with the meat.—Father.

America, the country would have no vessels to carry its inward and outward freight. The possibility of the existence of such a deadlock was not re garded seriously at the time, but the notices issued by Mr. L. J. Keens. U. S. Consul General in Buenos Aires, during the last few days, emphasized the Hovel, and mart, and palace, soon or fact that America has awakened to the urgent necessity for a mercantile marine of her own. German shipping If sleeping, wake! If feasting, rise be-no longer provides the States with fore I turn away. large volumes of cargo space; French, British and Italian steamers do not ply And they who follow with the regularity which characterized their movements in previous war days; and, as a result, the import and Save death; but those who doubt or export trade of the American continent has been, to some extent, disorganized. That such a situation could be allowed to continue for any length of time was aconceivable, and no surprise was ofcasioned when it was announced that the department of state at Washington had undertaken to provide steamship accommodation for all cargoes for which foreign vessels could not be found.

mercial community; hoveover, the sub-sequent announcement that the United States Consuls at Buenos Aires and Montevideo had convened meetings of means of developing trade with the Southern Continent has had a still further disquieting effect. The gravity of the situation from the point of view of European business men need not be emphasized; it is obvious to all. Most of us realize that while Europe is composed almost entirely of warring na tions, the possibilities for commercial development afforded to countries at peace are immense. Fifty years, or nore, ago, a general confiagration in Europe could have had no effect on the Western Hemisphere other than a detrimental one; trade and commerce beonged essentially to Europe alone. Today that is all changed. States is outside the area of conflict; she is able to survey calmly the spectacle of her trade rivals using the whole of their resources in the furtherance of naval and military campaigns; and, inevitably, she is free to step in and seize the opportunities that her ommercial foes are compelled to neglect.

The meetings convened by the Amercan consuls in the capitals of Argentina and Uruguay are but the preliminaries to a great commercial campaign, the success of which appears to be assured. Whether or not the commercial houses of the United States must necessarily become their during have held so long.

To what extent the European war will influence the United States in the direction of establishing a mercantile marine for the carrying of her overseas trade is a point on which it is difficult to dogmatize. The citizens of the Northern Republic are not a nautical race; moreover, the cost of shipbuliding in the States is almost prohibitive.
One way out of the difficulty would be to purchase vessels ni Europe, but the suggestion that that should be done at the present moment has been received with indignation by the Triple Entente, and, as a mater of fact, there seems to be justification for the objections raised. The outstanding truth today, never again allow her commercial operations to become dependent on the maintenance of peace in Europe. the moment the sole guarantee North America has that her goods shall be carried to and from the distant countries of the earth is that Britain posing effect upon all the broweries of this state, but we were somewhat surprised to learn that it was reaching out as far as Columbus O when the sesses the command of the sea. Were there less disproportion between the strengths of the German and British fleets, overseas trade would be practically as far as Columbus O when the season of t States to risk being accetted by such a situation in the future would be suicidal. That she is not prepared to take that risk is emphasized by the state department's announcement. o nevery hand, there is complete evi-dence that America is preparing to take a bold lead. Europe's madness is her opportunity.—Buenos Aires Her-

### A GOOD RECORD.

The Ceredo Advance, Col. Tom 7 McDougal's able weekly has now entered its thirtieth year under the same management. Editor McDougal has always published a sprightly newspaper and covered his field well. He has kept the paper always rigidly in the Republican column and has observed the gradual decline of the Democratic the river road this morning. Wonder majority in Wayne County until it is now only a few hundred in presidential years and often reaches the vanishing point on county offices, for all of which the Advance is very largely entitled to credit. If any county in the state is under obligations to the Republican party it is Wayne, county where the corporations under the Dawson tax laws pay half of the taxes, reducing the taxes of the farmer about

### Just Smiles

A Fairmont boy who became stranded in a distant city wrote home as follows:

Dear Father: Send ten, I'm "on the hog."-Son.

#### OPPORTUNITY.

Master of human destinies am L Fame, love and fortune on my footsteps

wait. Cities and fields I walk; I penetrate Deserts and seas remote, and, passing

late knock unbidden once at every gate!

And they who follow me reach every

state Mortals desire, and conquer every foe

hesitate. Condemned to failure, penury and woe Seek me in vain and uselessly implore. I answer not, and I return no more. -John J. Ingalls.

#### STAGE IRISHMAN.

The stage Irishman, a vulgar carica ture of the son of Erin, is almost as old as the British drama, but the first exwith mixed feelings by the British com- ample of high class Irish melodrama was supplied by the gifted dramatist and actor. Dionyslus Lardner Boucicault. He was born in Dublin ninety two years ago today, Dec. 26, 1822, and was educated at London University. He carly developed a genius for the drama, and at the age of eighteen produced "London Assurance" at Convent Garden. This work ranks as a classic. although the creation of an immature youth. In 1852 he made his first appearance as an actor, and the following year visited America with his wife Agnes Robinson. In 1860 he produced "The Colleen Bawn," an Irish melodrama which marked the beginning of a new dramatic era in the stage treatment of Irishmen. This was followed by "The Shaughraun" and other plays of the same type. Boucleault's Ameri can career was successful, and he won fame as dramatist, actor and manager. He wrote and adapted over 400 plays. Bouckault died in 1890.

### State Editors

HODGE'S BOOM LAUNCHED.

The expected has come—though we didn't expect it so soon—in the launch ing of the Hodges' boom for the Democratic nomination for Governor in 1916. The Fairmont Times has been utilized as the vessel of fair augury through which the news is broken will be able to maintain the place that to the faithful. The Times prefaces its statement by expressing the opinthe progress of the European war, is a matter for conjecture; but experience of the virility which has charac- or 1912, he would have been elected terized North American lommerre, im- and proceeds to make it known that the mistakes of 1908 and 1912 will not pels one to the conclusion that the business relations of the two Americas be repeated, but that the party work are about to be so consolidated that ers throughout the state will enlist ers throughout the state will enlist ers throughout the state will enlist the European nations will not, in the future, occupy in the Southern Continent the pre-eminent positon that they means of escape will lie in absolute declination of the honor, after it has been handed to him.

Whether Colonel Hodges will per in the way of another, remains to be seen. It is well known that he was forlorn struggle against Howard Sutherland a few months ago, and it 1908. Two daughters were born before is also known that the ruling ambition teh arrival of the male heir, at which of his life pointed to the gubernatorial chair of his native state.

The result of the election of 1914, the triumph of Mr. Sutherland over the Democratic knight errant, ought to prove sufficient warning. However, however, is taht the United States can if hope is so abiding and desire so strong that the big educator needs must take another fling at politics, the Republicans will be ready, and stranger things have happened than that the man who so gloriously trimmed his sails in the preliminary af-fair of 1914 should reef them in 1916. -Huntington Herald-Dispatch.

### DIFFERENCE?

Dearly beloved Clarksburg Telegram, do you know the diffe tween an editor and a managing edi-tor, or do big papers in small towns, like yours and the Fairmont Virginian's, not have both?-Parkersburg State Journal.

The Fairmont West Virginian is all right, new head and all .- Parkersburg State Journal.

### Best Stories.

Instructing the "Cub."

When Fred Heiskell was city editor of the Arkansas Gazette a cub reporter turned in a "story" that ran like this: "Buck Seymore was seen with a two inch auger going down

We don't print that kind of items in the Gazette. Tell what Buck was do-

ing with the auger." "I-I didn't find out." the cub stammered.

"Well, I'll tell you this one time. Plainly, he was going after grease fish. You catch 'em by boring a hole in the water and baiting the surface with dried prunes. The grease fish comes out, eats the prunes and swells up so he can't get back in the hole." New York Mail.

# Presumably.

"Parrots come from South Ameri-ca, don't they?"

"It's an old saying" she remarked to Nora, "that too many cooks spell the broth, what do you think?" "Sure man," she replied, "there's nothing to worry about there's only wan cook here."-National Monthly

### Luke McLuke

(From Cincinnati Enquirer.)

Every husband has two sets of rules one for himself and one for his

A man doesn't mind being kept up with the early bird if there is plenty to drink on the side and a taxi waiting at the door.

In making things go as far as possible these days a man is often compelled to even stretch the truth.

All sensible women should sit down

on the movement to revive the bus-

Some of the Prodigal Sons who display their silk sox by hoisting their pants half way to the knee when they sit down in a street car, sure look as

though they needed fatted calves. A woman has more sense than a man in some things. You can bet that if she had the ballot she would know what she was voting for or she wouldn't vote.

Truth may be stranger than fiction you can't get 10 cents a word for it.

#### TODAY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY.

The fifteenth Duke of Norfolk, who is the premier duke and the premier earl of Great Britain, the leading Roman Catholic layman of England and one of the wealthlest of Britons, will be sixty-seven years old on Sunday. duke is the holder of many other titles. some of them among the oldest of the kingdom. The duchy of Norfolk is the oldest existing title of that rank, and the same is true of the earldom of Arundel, which dates from 1139. The duke is also Baron Maltravers, a title created in 1130: Earl of Surrey, 1483; Baron Fitz-Alan, Clun and Oswaldestre 1627, and Earl of Norfolk, 1644. title of Duke of Norfolk was created in 1483. Among his ancestors were sev eral famous warriors on sea, and land. The fourth Duke of Norfolk was an adherent of Mary of Scots and was be-headed, and his son died a prisoner in the Tower of London. The title and estates were confiscated, but were re-stored in 1664. The Duke of Norfolk is also hereditary marshal and chief butler of England. Like his ancestors, he is a fervent adherent of Catholocism. He has served as Lord Mayor of Sheffield, special envoy to the Pope, and Postmaster General in Lord Sallsbury's cabinet. He served in South Africa during the war with the Boers. The duke's first wife died in 1887, leaving an only child, a son, who died in 1892. After seventeen years of widowerhood the duke married his cousin. a daughter of Baron Hrrries, who also comes of a prominent Catholic family, rather have it about the same the year and who is now the thirteenth Baroness Herries in her own right. The duchess, who is thirty years the junior of her mit the politicial sycophants respon-sible for his first disaster to lead him. husband, has given birth to four chil-dren since her marriage in 1904. Three dren since her marriage in 1904. Three are daughters, the last having been born less than two months ago. The promised the gubernatorial nomina-tion in 1916 when he undertook the Earl of Arundel and was born in May,

the whole country of Norfolk went wild with joy. The duke's heir is guarded like a prince, and, indeed, his father's title stands next to royalty in rank. He has his own private apartments and a corps of nurses, servants and a physician. The estates of the Duke of Nor-

### TODAY WE CELEBRATE.

ster, Devonshire and Portland, who are

said to practically own London.

MANY QUAINT CUSTOMS CON-

NECTED WITH BOXING DAY. In the calendar of the church today ject their animals to a copious blood at the festival of St. Stephen, the pros the festival of St. Stephen, the proo-martyr. As the first of the myriad this insured the animals against sickmartyrs of Christianity, Stephen was ness and disease during the twelveplaced in the calendar immediately following the nativity. In England "Then followeth St. Stephen the day has been marked by many ed as "boxing day," when gratuities Christmas boxes make their rounds, hence the popular designation of "box- As if that Stephen any time tooke The observance of "boxing day" has died out in America, and

ot after Christmas. Every merchant in England is ex- podes.

times, it is still far from extinct. In some sections of England St. this ceremony, happily for the victims, kept by orthodox adherents of Juda- several years ago. Dr. Liebuns is now all but forgotten. The poor inhabitants of the parish made it a worldly pleasures. In Ireland today ous "manifesto" which is the revide all the bread, cheese and ale they Emerald Isle, St. Iarlath, who lived much time in German prisons. vide all the bread, cheese and ale they could consume. This gentle custom was usually productive of a drunken the first Bishop of Tuam. "Then what land does the raven come rfom?"
"Why, from Poeland."—Baltimoro American.

Kitchen Repartes.

Mrs. Brown was in the kitchen helping Nora, the cook, prepare supper.

Was usually productive of a drunken orgy, for few of the men could resist the temptation to stop drinking the ale so freely provided until they were unable to hold another drop. This custom was finally abolished early in the mineteenth century.

Another currous idea in connection of German Socialist, who was the content which his father had helped to the Reichstag to yet.

## Christmas Will Soon Be Here.

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## THE TOLL OF THE YEAR AS the old year closes begins-where do you stand? Have you

progressed? Are you no better off now, than you were twelve months ago? If not, its time you resolved to DO something in-

stead of NOT to do something. Why not begin to Better Yourself Financially by the Time Next Year Comes Around

> Your "New Leaf" this year should be headed with a determined resolution

Proper saving for system and safety demands banking: are ready to give you the kind of banking service you nec

# First National Bank OF FAIRMONT

### LITTLE BOBBIE'S PA By William F. Kirk

would be."

"Well, George," said the Manicure | don't tend to read any more of it to Lady, as she removed her furs, "them me," said the Head Barber hastily. "I cold and zero days has came upon us, can tell about what the rest of it

gin't they?" "They sure have," agreed the Head Barber. "Our flat was as cold last night as one of Greenwich icy moun-

tains." "I sometimes think that so much cold weather ain't good for one," said the Manicure Lady. "I don't mind it so much as some others, but I would ground, nice and warm with fine moonlight nights, like them in topical

climates." "You might find it warm enough where you go when you die," said the

Head Barber. "Cut out that old minstrel comedy." snapped the Manicure Lady. stuff about a het place to go to when you die is all exploded, George. I believes in a hot hereafter now, and you can't blame one of them poor fellows with chilblains for hoping they

will get warm some day. "But speaking about the cold, bro with three magnificent casteles and a ree why, except that he always likes town house in London. Although his to be contrary, but he seems to mean fortune is great, the Duke of Norfolk is it. He has started on a poem called not possessed of as much wealth as three other dukes, those of Westminto sell it to some editor with a cold heart. It starts

The Frost King, the Frost King He acts too cold, the chilly thing."

"If that is the way it starts you grammatical?" first martyr is the special guardian of against the new war credit this month, horses. Owners of horses in Eng. is 43 years old and is the son of Willand long made it a practice to sub-

whereon doth every man quaint customs, and it is still observ. His horses jaunt and course abroad,

and they let them blood, are distributed among servants, clerks For this being done upon this day. and laborers of all sorts. On the 28th they say doth them good, day of December all the claimants of And keeps the from all maladies and sickness through the years,

those who serve their more fortunate those who serve their more fortunate fellows expect their gifts before and athletic sports and pastimes, as this Liebknecht who, in April, 1913, startseason is mid-summer in the Anti- ed the crusade against the "trust, The Australian boxing day which he declared pected to contribute to the Christmas has a literal significance, for it is us-boxes of the servants of his custom-ually marked by important boxing ting contracts for armament and warers, but it is likely that the gratuities matches. It was on "boxing day" in ships. He asserted that the Kruops this year will be much smaller than 1908 at Sydney that Jack Johnson de- had bribed various army officers to

least one science.

"But it gets better as it goes along," said the Manicure Lady, "Wait till you hear this part: He freezes up the water pipes And nips at folks of various types, He makes the little children shiver And causes ice to grow on the river He makes the bones of travelers were And causes ice to grow on the lake Oh Frost King, oh Frost King, You are a inconsiderate thing!" "I think that is about as punk as enything you ever told me," declared the Head Barber. "I don't care if you tell your brother. I said so." "He wouldn't care for none of your

literal criticism," said the Manicure Lady. "He is too far advanced in his art, George, to be stopped any by the don't think anybody except a Eskimo barsh words of a barber. He told me once when I told him something you said, that he didn't care a participle what you thought about his works. He enid that Lord Byron was the same way about not letting any critic get ther Wilfred was saying this morning his goat. That's one reason I admire folk include about 50,000 acres of land, that he loves cold weather. I can't my brother. Father roasts his poetry, mother can't see nothing to it and the editors send it back to him, but he

keeps plugging right along. "That don't make it no better," said the Hand Barber.

"You shouldn't say 'don't make it Indy. "Can't I ever learn you to talk

helm Liebknecht, who was the cofounder with Karl Marx of modern Socialism. At the outbreak of the war it was reported that Dr. Liebknecht placed in the calendar immediately ferred to in an old English poem:

that been shot for refusing to do military service, but this rumor was without foundation. It is known, howev-er, that Liebknecht was the leader and spokesman for the Socianlist to tion opposed to the war. All of his comrades have since been won over comrades have since been won over to the war cause, and Dr. Lieblinecht stood alone when he voted against the December war credit. death of Bebel, Dr. Liebknecht has charge of horses heare."

Deen the Social Democratic leader in In Australia the day following the Reichstag, but his present attiin more prosperous and peaceful feated Tommy Burns, the Canadian, promote their schemes. The exposure times. While the "boxing day" custom is not nearly so general as in past the superior of the white man it at international figure. The bribery of minor officials was eventually admit

The Hebrews of the world will be- ted by the Krupps, and four officers Stephen's Day was observed by the gin the observance at sundown tonight were tried by courtmartial. Dr. Lieb-practice of "going a Stephening." but of the Fast of Tebet, which will be knecht made a lecture tour of America by abstaining form food and father signed with Karl Mark the farm point on this day to call at the rectory where the rector was expected to pro-